

The foreign policy of the United States should foster political, social and economic freedom. While maintaining sovereignty, the U.S. supports the efforts of international organizations in peacekeeping and crisis management. As a partner for peace, the U.S. can assist in negotiations in the troubled regions of the Middle East, Africa, and beyond.

Northern Ohio has a proud immigrant tradition that has enriched our community with diverse and worldly citizens. We have “sister cities” spanning the globe and have welcomed exchange students from many countries. Our region reaches out to others to strengthen our international partnerships.

Ukraine and Eastern Europe

The Congressional Ukrainian Caucus, of which I am a co-Chair, strives to highlight the previous struggles of post-Soviet countries and the myriad opportunities for growth and development offered to these countries now. We also seek to recognize those who lost their lives in the fight against oppression by commemorating the Great Famine in 1933 during which millions of people were starved to death by Soviet policies.



Marcy and Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD) talk with Ukrainian parliamentarians via videoconference

Peace in the Middle East

The situation in the Middle East elicits so much controversy that it sometimes seems that no progress could be made. However, as a superpower, the United States has the opportunity and responsibility to help bring stability to this volatile region. Without peace, not only is the security of the people of the region compromised, but our own national security, and world reputation, is as well.

The United States must be an honest broker for peace, and we should revisit a peace process. We must encourage people-to-people contact in the area so we can eliminate hatred and highlight common bonds between neighbors. I believe that peace is a viable possibility in the region if all sides distance themselves from extremism and open themselves to frank dialogue. The United States must usher in a new era of hope for the region and the world.

The Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan

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China

China's booming economy and vast population present unique economic and security challenges for the United States. Between food safety issues, non-tariff trade barriers like currency manipulation, and intellectual property violations, China is ever-present on the Congressional agenda. As a Member of the [Congressional-Executive Commission on China](#), I participate in hearings, briefings, and other activities that highlight Chinese progress, or lack of progress, in human rights, rule of law, and transparency.